WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2474

IN THE MATTER OF:		Served September 26, 1983
Investigation to Determine the)	Case No. MP-83-04
Nature of Uncertificated)	
Operations, if any, by EUGENE H.)	
GEORGE Between Points in the)	
Metropolitan District)	

Pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 13(b) "[t]he Commission may investigate any facts, conditions, practices, or matters which it may find necessary or proper in order to determine whether any person has violated or is about to violate any provision of this Act or any rule, regulation, or order thereunder, or to aid in the enforcement of the provisions of this Act . . . "

The Commission has received credible information from the National Park Service-Central District concerning operations of Eugene H. George which, if true, would be violative of the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Sections 4(a) and 5(d). The statement of information provided to the Commission asserts that Mr. George was operating an unmarked van used to transport passengers between various points of interest in Washington, D. C. Mr. George previously had been stopped by Commission staff members in April, 1983, and informed that his transportation service required WMATC certification.

In order to determine whether violations of the Compact have occurred, the Commission concludes that there appear to be reasonable grounds for instituting an investigation into the matters recited above. Mr. George will be directed to produce books, papers, correspondence, contracts and any other records which are relevant to the investigation, pursuant to Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 10(a) and (d). Mr. George will also be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover the costs of the investigation as set forth in Title II, Article XII, Section 19(a) of the Compact. Mr. George has the right to be represented by an attorney as provided by Commission Rule No. 3-02.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation of the matters set forth above is hereby instituted.

- 2. That Eugene H. George is hereby made a party respondent to this proceeding.
- 3. That the above-captioned matter is hereby scheduled for public hearing to commence Thursday, October 27, 1983, at 1:30 p.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006.
- 4. That Eugene H. George is hereby directed to produce for inspection and photocopying any and all books, papers, correspondence, contracts and account records in his possession or under his control for the period May 1, 1983, through August 31, 1983, relating to the alleged activities set forth above at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 12, 1983.
- 5. That Eugene H. George is hereby assessed \$600 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19(a) of the Compact, and directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., no later than 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 12, 1983.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS WORTHY, SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:

WILLIAM H. McGILVERY Executive Director